

tion, for interviews had already taken place between Adams and Jefferson which looked toward a coalition of their forces. Jefferson was more than willing¹ to meet him half way. Tie had, on March 2nd, called on the President-elect. The call was returned the next morning. Jefferson described the interview at length:

"Mr, Adams found me alone in my room, and shutting the door himself, said he was glad to find me alone, for that he wished a free conversation with me. He entered immediately on an explanation of the situation of our affairs with France and the clanger of rupture with that nation, a rupture which would convulse the attachments of this country. * * * That he had, therefore, concluded to send a mission, which l»y its dignity should satisfy France, and by its selection from the three great divisions of the continent, should satisfy all parts of the I'niled States; in short, that he had determined to join Gerry and Madison to Tinekney, and he wished me to consult Mr. Madison for him, * * * I consulted Mr, Madison, who declined as I expected."

But the attempt to harmoiti/r was destined to be abortive, for Adams, before two days should elapse, was to prove himself not so far freed from party lies, Jefferson's "Anas" gives the sequel: "I think it was on Monday, the* sixth of March, 'Mr, Adams and myself met at dinner at (Jen, Washington's, and we happened in the evening¹ to rise fn*m the table and come, away together. As soon as we got into the street, I told him the event of my negotiation with Mr. Madison, tie immediately said that on consultation Koine objections to that nomination had been raised which be had not contemplated', and was going on with excuses, which evidently embarrassed him, when we came to Fifth street, where our road separated, his being¹ down Market street, mine along Fifth, and we took leave; and he never after that said one word to me on the subject, or ever consulted me as to- any measures of the Government." The usual extra session of the Senate for confirming appointments lasted a few days, and Jefferson returned to Monticello immediately.